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Hartford Public High School's Law and Government Academy
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Dear Public Health Committee,

I have been a patient of a Naturopathic Physician for over 4 years now to treat my autoimmune condition of Rheumatoid Arthritis. I believe in and like the Naturopathic medical approach because it works. However, I would love for my Naturopathic Physician, as well as other Naturopathic Physicians, to have the ability to write a prescription for me if necessary.

I ask your support to allow Naturopathic Physicians the same prescriptive authority consistent with many other states that license them.

I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician because I want to heal myself without the use of traditional medicines. It is not my wish to be on severely strong medicine for the rest of my life that only treat my symptoms. In fact, I don't want to be on any medicine at all. However, there are times when I need to manage the symptoms using prescription medicines. This requires me to see a traditional Rheumatologist in addition to seeing my Naturopathic Doctor. If my Naturopathic Doctor was able to prescribe me these treatments to help me, it would not only save me time, money, and effort, it would allow me to extract an effective treatment plan from one source. Additionally, this measure would also open the door to allow me to receive some basic primary care treatments if necessary, during an office visit. I see no reason why my Naturopathic Doctor isn't able write a prescription for any illness that she treats of. I believe Naturopathic Doctors are undervalued in our state, and they should have more privileges in this area.

Please support this bill that provides prescriptive authority to Naturopathic Physicians in Connecticut. It will make a big difference in my life, and in other lives as well.

Thank you for your time,

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